

## The Mission Field

### Washington City Echoes

Our pastor being again absent from the city, we will try to give a few gleanings from the capital city mission to fill our echo space in the EVANGELIST.

The work is still moving along nicely considering circumstances, etc., but retarded somewhat on account of hot summer days; tho the attendance has kept up moderately well at the morning services, the evening attendance has diminished some, but the percentage of attendance is still above the average churches of the city. Most churches suspend the evening services during the summer months, but all our meetings have so far been kept up. The devil never "lets up" nor goes on a vacation even if the weather is hot,—why should we?

We think that some plan should be devised among the churches to hold the people, and the plan suggested by evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, is one we think would prove a success if adopted. It is a novel idea and what we would consider an ideal one. He said that every church in the cities should have a *roof garden*. The thing is perfectly practical and there is no reason in the world why as many sinners could not be converted in a *roof garden* as in a church. Christians and sinners both like fresh air, and when Christianity and fresh air can be found together the people as a whole are apt to take advantage of the fact. He says he would make the *church roof garden* just as attractive as the *theater roof garden* is. Sell lemonade? Why certainly, he says. "I would sell all kinds of temperance drinks." This plan is used with success in Liverpool, Eng. We are not able to say just what would be proper in regard to the refreshment part, but we do think the *roof garden* would be a grand aid to Christian work. We have got to bring our plans of church work in popular touch with the people if we want to reach the masses. This can easily be done and still not interfere with our carrying out the full teachings of the gospels. Our true Biblical church doctrines may be unpopular but our plans of work need not nor should not be so. When we speak of plans of work we don't mean rules made mandatory by a few who sit at the "throne," as is usually practiced by our G. B. brethren, who seem to take a pride in making their works as unpopular as possible by prescribing forms of dress, etc. This would be very non-Christ-like and detrimental to the Divine cause.

The idea conceived by some that what was good enough for our fathers and fore fathers is good enough for us, is all bosh and very detrimental to the spreading of the gospel. We must remember we are living in a progressive age and among progressive people, and our plans of Christian work must be of a progressive nature in order to bring them in popular touch. Common sense teaches us that if our plans of work are not in popular touch with the people we cannot reach them. Therefore, we would refer the sug-

gestion made by Brother Moody to the general brotherhood for meditation. Brother Moody says one objection may be made that we would have to remodel our churches. Well, let us remodel them. The theaters were remodeled to suit the drift of times and popular taste; why should not the churches be altered also? Because churches in the past have been built with high arched and showy roofs, steeples, etc., is no reason for continuing to build them so. A flat roof with roof garden can probably be made at less expense and could be used to such a great advantage. We see the workers of satan have all such conveniences, and we will have to compete with them if we wish to combat their works.

Our pastor held five meetings at Glen Brook, Va., last week. Good interest manifested and future prospects good, but no immediate visible results; came home and preached over Sunday, then left for Sunnyside, Md., and Greenland, W. Va., to hold about a week's meeting at each place.

The above named places are at the homes of some of our isolated members and furnish good opportunities to establish new mission points. We think all our ministers should take advantage of all such opportunities when possible, and spread the gospel that much more.

Since last report the building fund has increased as follows: E. R. Stokey, (S. S. collection,) Syracuse, Ind., \$1.75; Mary Huyett, Funktown, Md., \$10.00. We are very thankful for this increase, but we would like to see the funds grow still faster.

We enjoy reading the encouraging letters from the president of the S. S. C. E., and hope the society thru out will push the *brick card plan*.

### SPECIAL

Our pastor now desires that all who have subscribed to the church building fund will forward to him the amount subscribed at your earliest convenience, and not wait for a personal request, thereby saving us the trouble and expense of sending each one a written notice. If you have not the money to send just at present, please make an effort to get it as soon as possible. We should secure money enough right away to purchase a church lot, as the section of the city selected is fast building up, and the price of property is advancing all the time. You who read this request and have not subscribed anything, kindly send us what you think you can spare and the Lord will bless you if cheerfully given. Pray for our mission.

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### Notes From Zed. H. Copp

The work here strikes deeper root in Christ and thus extends its branches, laden with the "fruit of the Spirit," over the walls of opposition, prejudice, and sin. Praise him who alone "giveth the increase."

*A Lesson.* When the fire, spoken of last week, was discovered the cry "fire" immediately sprang from the lips and great haste

was made to the nearest alarm box to notify the fireman. They promptly responded and faithfully staid at their posts all night long, thru thunder, lightning, wind and rain, surrounded by smoke so dense as not penetrable to the eye more than fifteen feet. How we admire them. Many of them soaked to the skin, with blistered hands and face, worked on and on thru the awful night. When the flames were the fiercest and it looked like sure destruction for all in the neighborhood, they fought with greatest energy, some playing on the surrounding buildings while others played on them with spray nozzle to keep them from roasting. I have since thought, Great God can it be that men will alarm so quickly and work so faithfully, persistently and self-sacrificingly to save the property of this world and yet laugh at the first sign of the fire of eternal burning and say "It's plenty of time. Wait until they are men and women," and we Christians, who are your firemen, are so slow to respond to an alarm when turned in and so ready to quit work if the fire is great and stubborn, and so afraid of getting soiled or hurt or tired or hungry when it is to save everlasting property of more value than a world? Then I prayed and am praying for the spirit of the Master and the willingness to be made like Paul.

*Our Need.* The greatest need of the Dayton church is the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ in the life of each of its members, and the next is a church building. The scriptures say "My God shall supply all your need." He is most gloriously changing the beloved of this congregation, who allows him to work in them both to will and to do of his own good pleasure, from glory unto glory, and we confidently expect him to also supply our need of a church building.

I hope that every minister in the brotherhood will attend the Winona Conference and that every church will be represented by delegate.

The Ladies' Aid hold a lawn social or one night ice-cream parlor Thursday 27th.

Sister J. C. Kimmel very kindly remembered our temporal wants in a basket of nice things.

### HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

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I have been reading the discussions pro and con on the subject of missions as they appeared in the EVANGELIST of late with a great deal of interest. Dear Brother Rensch's articles are crisp and not written (if I know the Brother aright) with any intention of hurting the cause of missions; if they were they would surely miss the mark, as they are just like shoveling good, clean, crisp coal on a well started fire—they will only make it hotter. None who read the EVANGELIST can fail to see this as the rejoinders have been decidedly wholesome missionary literature. Much better apparent, and even avowed opposition than lethargy and indifference.

The cause of missions made more real